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### Time May Be Changed

Definite announcement as to the time of National Conference will be made next week. The chances are that the date previously announced will be changed to August 29—September 4.

### Yet They Wonder Why

The last ten days brought us six letters without any postoffice address given, and two letters and one postal card without name or address, also two letters containing money orders for \$1.50 each, without any letter, name or address. And yet people wonder why we should make any mistakes. Surely at an office of this kind everything is done promptly and correctly. What shall we do with these letters, or rather what with the business? To find the names of all these people without the postoffice address would require probably several days' search thru the mailing list. For this we do not have time, yet the persons who have written the letters and enclosed the money expect an answer and their subscriptions attended to. Please brethren be a little more careful. Always give name and address plainly. Surely every reader of the EVANGELIST must know that such letters make us much trouble and give us no little annoyance. Is it not carelessness on your part rather than ignorance?

## Personal Mention

One accession is reported by Brother Bowman in the Philadelphia church.

Brother Wampler reports two accessions in his field of labor and a pleasant communion service.

The notes and observations on the Detroit C. E. Convention in this issue by Brethren Yoder and Rench are quite interesting.

Brother W. H. Miller reports four accessions to the church, one baptized at Brighton, Ind., and three added at New Troy, Mich.

The paper, "How to Use Our Money," in the S. S. C. E. department of this issue was read by Mrs. Gnagey at the Louisville convention.

From Brother Shaver we have received "The Local Visitor," a small four page paper published monthly in the interest of the local church work in Virginia.

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We call special attention to the Ministerial Association Notice on another page by Brother Teeter, the secretary. Please comply with his request. The matter is important and should have prompt attention.

Brother F. B. McCullough informs us that his postoffice address has been changed from South Strabane, Pa., to Washington, Pa., R. D., No. 6. Correspondents will please address him at the latter place.

From Sister Augustine we learn that the S. S. C. E. program is now in the hands of Sister Perry and will soon be ready for publication. All on the program have been notified of what they are expected to do and have promised to respond.

Sister Detwiler continues her visits among the churches of Ohio and finds much to encourage her in the work. From her report we learn that Brother Tombaugh is in the state visiting among the churches of his former charges.

Our readers will be pleased to hear once more from Brother Shively and the work on the Pacific coast. They will especially be pleased to learn that Brethren Holsinger and Beer are busily at work on their book and that the manuscript will soon be ready for the press.

We ask a most careful reading of the article by brother L. L. Garber in this number of the EVANGELIST, "Some Purposes of Higher Education." It is a master production and should be made a part of the permanent literature of the church. We have read it the second time and hope to read it again.

Brother John Kurtz, Williamsport, N. D., ordered several Brethren Quarterlies for his private use. An assistant superintendent, a deacon in the Presbyterian church, last year loaned a copy from Brother Kurtz for use in the study of his lesson. We are pleased to learn that the Sunday school literature is so well received, even by those who are not of our communion.

Brother C. Orville Witter, recently elected a member of the Faculty of Ashland College, has written a story for the *Angelus*, entitled, "Saved From the Curse of the Mocker." It is in two parts and will appear in the *Angelus* for August 6 and 13. These papers are already printed and will be mailed this week. The story is an excellent one and teaches a practical lesson in a most impressive way.

Brother Miller is busily engaged on his syllabus of lecture studies on St. John. He has already received calls for printed copies of the syllabus, but they cannot be supplied until time of Conference. They are not yet ready for the printer, and by the time they come from the printer's hand, Conference will be near at hand. The fact that calls have been received for the syllabus is evidence of a deep interest in the study of this blessed Gospel.

We call special attention to the announcement on last page of the paper by Brother Miller. Here is an opportunity to do something practical for the cause of higher education in the Brethren church. You can make no better investment anywhere, none that will yield more bountifully for God and the church than to order one of these pledges, fill it out for one hundred dollars and return it to the treasurer, Dr. E. J. Worst, Ashland, Ohio, or to Prof. J. A. Miller.

An interesting union temperance meeting was held in the college chapel Sabbath evening July 23. The ministers of town present were Brother Duncan of the Presbyterian church, Schoppe of the Congregational, Weller of the United Brethren, Smith of the Lutheran, Martin of the Disciple, and our own pastor, Brother Miller. Brother Duncan was chairman of the meeting. Interesting talks were given by Brother Miller on, The Christian Example; Brother Weller on, Young Men and Social Drinking; Brother Martin on, What Can We Do for the Cause of Temperance in Ashland. The services were interesting thru-out and we believe will result in much good.

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## Brief Notes

Plain, old-fashioned honesty is worth more to the world, and more to the church, too, than all its showy accomplishments.

The best test of a man's honesty is the character of his dealings with his inferiors, those who cannot very well help themselves. The Elder's hired hand is sometimes an unbeliever—in the Elder.

The man who "docks" his servants heavily for trifles, who calculates to pay them in "chips and whet-stones" who profits by taking advantage of their urgent necessities, may by and by find a serious defect in his New Jerusalem titles.

When the world recognizes that those who perform its drudgery are really human beings and not mere machines, that they too have rights, hopes, feelings, souls, there will be some dawning sign of the millennium. Some church people might mend their ways along this line.

Have you a secret dislike for the preacher, writer, editor, who sometimes probes deeply and painfully into your inner life, laying bare something which perhaps you would fain hide even from your own consciousness? If so, beware. It is the mortgage of Satan.

Engineers are discussing the coming "Motorcycle," the electric horse which will carry us a mile in twenty seconds, or three miles a minute. In some other respects the approaching century promises to be known as the fast age. May it also be characterized by increasing multitudes who shall "run in the way of his commandments."

In a recent speech a noted politician disapproves of the "gun in one hand and Bible in the other" policy of modern civilization. It has lots of defenders, however, and a sort of logic. Why shouldn't an ignorant savage be forced to read the Bible for his own good? If refractory, why shouldn't he be shot before he commits more wickedness, and shot again if converted, before he backslides?

Dr. Lambert Lack, of London, eminent throat specialist, has discovered the germ of cancer, and announces his ability, given sufficient time, to produce a serum for its cure. If he succeeds, what a boon it will be to thousands of sufferers from this horrible malady. How painstaking, persevering and intelligent is the search of science for remedies for physical diseases, and how great and beneficent would be the result if moral and spiritual physicians were equally as persevering and intelligent.

There is a widespread feeling that Gen. Otis' campaign in the Philippines has been a failure, and a pretty unanimous demand made to send abler generals to lead our armies. It not infrequently happens that political jealousies prevent the advancement of the best leaders, there being not a few contemptible spirits who would rather see the cause fail than that others should win the glory of success. And this evil spirit of jealousy doesn't confine his operations to the political arena, either.

The automobile, or horseless carriage, is to be made serviceable in war by mounting Waxim rapid fire guns, and charging upon an enemy at the rate of twelve miles an hour, belching a rain of bullets. In our opinion the greatest hope of universal peace lies in the invention of death dealing engines, by which a whole army can be successfully slaughtered in an hour. Until war becomes an impossibility, wars will be waged.

A wealthy New York woman gave a birthday festival to her cat. The guests were beautiful young women, dressed in white, who danced before the feline favorite, around whose neck the owner clasped a collar of pearls of Egypt. As a variation of the popular animal show, this spectacle was unique in the fact that of all who were present only the cat failed to be ridiculous. It is a more serious characteristic of excessive wealth, however, that it doesn't always stop at being merely ridiculous.